

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

February 01, 2012

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2011-329-C

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2012-90

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

????DOCKET NO. 2011-329-C - Information from Telephone Utilities Regarding Compliance with 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 – Discuss with the Commission Alternative Phone, Incorporated's Request for Waiver of Bond.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Commission has received a number of requests for Waiver of the Bond Requirement under Regulation 103-607. The petitioners have stated that the bond required under Regulation 103-607 is overly burdensome to small telecommunications companies. Recently the Commission has received a number of requests for alternative bond amounts based on a formula (average monthly charge per customer x number of customer x 2 months) which was devised in discussions between petitioners and the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS).

I move that the Commission hold in abeyance all of the petitions for waiver of bond requirement under Regulation 103-607 or alternative bond amounts in Docket No. 2011-329-C; cancel the oral arguments on this matter scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on February 15, 2012; and request that in an Allowable Ex Parte at 10:30 a.m. on February 15, 2012 the ORS make a presentation regarding the proposed calculation of an alternative bond amount and how, in compliance with Regulation 103-607, it weighs the criteria listed, i.e., the number of customers, retail price for service, and financial resources of the carrier.

The Commission will make no determination concerning the granting of waiver of bond requirement under Regulation 103-607 or the approval of alternative bond amounts until sometime after the Allowable Ex Parte briefing by the ORS. No petitioner in this docket will be required to post any bond until the Commission rules on the petitions in Docket No. 2011-329-C.

PRESIDING: HowardSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
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HAMILTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WRIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>

Voting via telephone (In Washington DC testifying before the Oversight & Investigations Committee on Energy and Commerce)

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

